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SUBJ: POSSIBLE DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING FY 7T IMETP FOR ECUADOR

1. MLO HAS BEEN UNOFFICIALLY INFORMED OF POSSIBLY DELAY
IN SCHEDULING REMAINING FY 7T IMETP SPACES FOR ECUADOR.
DELAY REPORTEDLY DUE TO INTERPRETATION BY DOD/DSAA OF
SECTION 505A OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, WHICH DEALS
WITH RECIPIENT COUNTRY CONSENT TO VARIOUS STIPULATIONS
CONCERNING THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER OF GRANT AID DEFENSE
ARTICLES/SERVICES. EMBASSY IS IN RECEIPT OF DEPART-
MENTS A-3590 OF JULY 20, 1976 WHICH REFERS IN PARA. H
TO THIS SUBJECT. A-3590 STATED THAT AFFECTED POSTS WOULD

RECEIVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING STEPS TO BE USED
TO OBTAIN HOST COUNTRY CONSENT. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO SUCH
INSTRUCTIONS, AND UNOFFICIAL INFORMATION THAT ECUADOR PROGRAM
WILL BE AFFECTED COMES AS COMPLETE SURPRISE.

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2. WE HAVE VERY SERIOUS OBJECTION TO DEALYING THE FY 7T PROGRAM AT THIS TIME. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM IS WELL UNDERWAY AND FIRST TRAINEES ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPAART AUGUST 14 WITH OTHERS FOLLOWING AT RAPID INTERVALS. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, ECUADOR'S SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WAS CANCELED IN 1969 AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOE. WE ARE UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 505A IN THIS SITUATION. POST-PONING OR CANCELING THE TRAINING HAS A PARTICULARLY DAMAGING ASPECT IN TERMS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THIS MILITARY GOVERNMENT. THIRTEEN TRAINING POSITIONS AAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY DOD, APPARENTLY UNDER THE RATIONALE THAT FUNDS FOR THOSE POSITIONS WERE "FENCED" PRIOR TO PASSAGE OF THE FY 7T SECURITY ASSISTNACE ACT. THE 23 POSITIONS WHICH ECUADOR STANDS TO LOSE UNDER DOD/DSAA'S INTERPRETATION OF THE ACT ARE EXCESS POSITIONS FOR WHICH THE ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE PAYS ALL APPROPRIATE COSTS. NO IMETP FUNDS ARE INVOLVED, AND THERE IS THUS NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE USG. WE WOULD BE IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO TELL THE ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE THAT US. LEGAL PROVISIONS COVERING GRANT MATERIAL AID (WHICH ECUADOR DOES NOT RECEIVE) AND TRAINING WERE BEING USED TO CANCEL TRAINING FOR WHICH RAVEL AND LIVING COSTS ARE PROVIDED BY GOE.

TAING SUCH A POSITIONWOULD CERTAINLY CAUSE US TO DISSIPATE WHATEVER BEBEFITS WE DERIVE FROM THEIMETP PROGRAM AND MIGHT CAUSE THE GOE TO RE-EVALUATE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM ALTOGETHER.

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3. THIS ACTION COMES AT A PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE TIME. JUST TWO DAYS AGO LQE PRESIDENT INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE SUPREME COUNCIL WISHED TO DISCUSS WITH HIM CLOSER COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR MILITARY SERVICES. IT ALSO FOLLOWS CLOSE ON THE HEELS OF A VERY FRUTFUL VISIT BY MAJOR GENERAL BREEDLOVE, WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OBTAINING THE ADDITIONAL TRAINING POSITIONS

AT THE EQUEST OF THE ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE.

4. GIVEN THE TIMING AND NATURE OF THE FY 7T PROGRAM,
THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT ITS IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THESE ADDITIONAL TRAINING POSITIONS BE APPROVED AND
THAT THE QUESTIONS OF GOE CONSENT TO THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS
BE DEALT WITH SUBSEQUENTLY.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF LEGAL REQUIREMENT CAN BE
SATISFIED BY SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

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